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SUBJ: CSCE: DELEGATION HEADS RECOMMENDATION TO EC-NINE
MINISTERS ON STAGE III TIMING

1. AN ALLIED SOURCE, WHO ASKED TO BE PROTECTED, HAS GIVEN US
TEXT OF EC-NINE DELEGATION HEADS' RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
EC-NINE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG JUNE 24. PAPER
ONLY ADDRESSES THE QUESTION OF TIMING OF STAGE III.

2. THE PAPER POINTS OUT THAT, GIVEN FINNISH LEAD-TIME
REQUIREMENTS, CONVENING STAGE III ON JULY 22, AS BREZHNEV
SUGGESTS, WOULD REQUIRE A DECISION BY THE NINE BEFORE JUNE
26, WHICH IN TURN WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE MINISTERS TAKE THIS
DECISION AT THEIR MEETING ON JUNE 24.

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3. THE PAPER RECOMMENDS THAT THE NINE MINISTERS CONFINE THEMSELVES TO FOLLOWING RESPONSE:

- (A) THE NINE FAVOR END OF STAGE II AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN VIEW OF SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ALREADY MADE THEY BELIEVE THAT A STAGE III AT THE END OF JULY OR POSSIBLY IN THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST IS DESIRABLE AND POSSIBLE.
- (B) NEVERTHELESS, SINCE GENERAL AGREEMENT PRE-SUPPOSES FINDING SOLUTIONS TO IMPORTANT SPECIFIC QUESTIONS (I.E. FOLLOW-UP, CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES, THE POLITICAL FORMULATION OF THE BASKET I PREAMBLE, THE STRUCTURE OF THE FINAL ACT, AS WELL AS OTHER QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES DECLARATION, AND RECIPROCITY IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD) SUCH A DEADLINE CAN ONLY BE A WORKING HYPOTHESIS, WHOSE ACHIEVEMENT WILL DEPEND ON THE EFFORTS OF ALL DELEGATIONS. THE NINE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE ALL NECESSARY EFFORTS FOR THEIR PART.
- (C) A STAGE III AT THE END OF JULY WOULD IMPLY REGISTERING ALL CONFERENCE TEXTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF JULY.

4. WE EXPECT THE NINE TO TAKE A POSITION ALONG THESE LINES IN NATO CAUCUS DISCUSSION OF STAGE III TIMING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 24.DALE

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